

Class - VIIISubject - English LiteratureChapter - 1 The Shoemaker of Paris

Good morning students

Today we will take the story 'The Shoemaker of Paris' as a part of your first assignment of English Literature which will be submitted to you on dated 29th March 2022. All the students are requested to open page number-5, Ch-1. of your English Literature book titled 'New Trends in English Reader'. Students, keep your practice notebook ready as during this lesson you will be asked a few questions in order to check your understanding of the lesson.

Students, Now pay attention as I am going to explain you the summary of the chapter 'The Shoemaker of Paris'. This is an extract from the novel 'A Tale of two Cities' written by Charles Dicken based on French Revolution. This story is about Dr Manette and his daughter Lucy Manette. Dr Manette was put into prison during the time of turbulence by French Government. After a long time of eighteen years Mr Jarvis Lorry who was a dear friend of Dr Manette got a news of survival of his friend Dr Manette. As soon as Mr Lorry

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got the news he went to Lucy Manette and gave her the news of her father's survival. Lucy was overwhelmed with joy and they both started their journey to Paris to take Dr. Manette home.

They reached the poorest district of Paris that was St. Antoine. There the people lived in great poverty. The people of St. Antoine were hungry, ragged and desperate. In the city St. Antoine they met Monsieur Defarge who was the owner of a wine shop. Madame Defarge wife of Monsieur Defarge was also sitting in the wine shop to help her husband. When Lucy and Mr Lorry went to the shop Madame Defarge was there sitting behind the counter and she told her husband about Mr Lorry and Lucy. Defarge came to Mr Lorry and asked about their purpose to come. Mr Lorry told Defarge that the girl was Lucy Manette daughter of Dr Manette. Defarge had been the servant of Dr. Manette that was about eighteen years ago. So Defarge got emotional when he saw Lucy Manette. Dr Manette was put into prison so he left the job and now he met

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Lucy Manette after eighteen years. As Dr. Manette was now released from the prison and Mr. Defarge was taking care of Dr Manette.

Students, now let us take a short break. You will be asked a few questions in order to check your understanding of the story. After listening to the questions you may write your answers.

- Q 1. Name the poorest city of Paris, the capital of France in 1775.
- Q 2. What happened to Dr Manette?
- Q 3. Who is Mr Jarvis Lorry?
- Q 4. Who is Lucy? What was the news that she got from Mr Lorry?
- Q 5. Who had been servant of Dr. Manette for eighteen years?

now we will discuss the answers of these questions

- 1. St. Antoine
- 2. He was put into prison during French Revolution.
- 3. Dr Manette's friend
- 4. Lucy was Dr Manette's daughter.

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Mr Lorry gave her the news of her father's survival

5. Monsieur Defarge

Now we will continue with the story.

As Lucy was curious to meet her father Dr. Manette so Defarge took them the way across the courtyard then up some steep stairs. When they were going Defarge took a key out of his pocket then Mr Lorry asked him if Doctor Manette was locked the Defarge replied that he was frightened if the door was not locked because he lived so long like this in the prison. Lucy was trembling with excitement when they were about to reach the top of the stairs. When they reached the top of the stairs Defarge unlocked the door of the Doctor's room. There was little light in the room. They saw Doctor Manette was bending low over a shoemaker's bench. His long hair were snow white. He looked so thin and weak that his clothes hung like rugs from his shoulders.

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Alright students you have been given the summary of the chapter - 1 'Shoemaker of Paris'. Now you all are required to revise the provided content as well as given in your book and attempt exercises - 1, 2, 3^{pg 8, 9} in your books and exercise - 4 A, 4 B (a, b) in your English Literature notebook as a part of your home assignments. Thank you.

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